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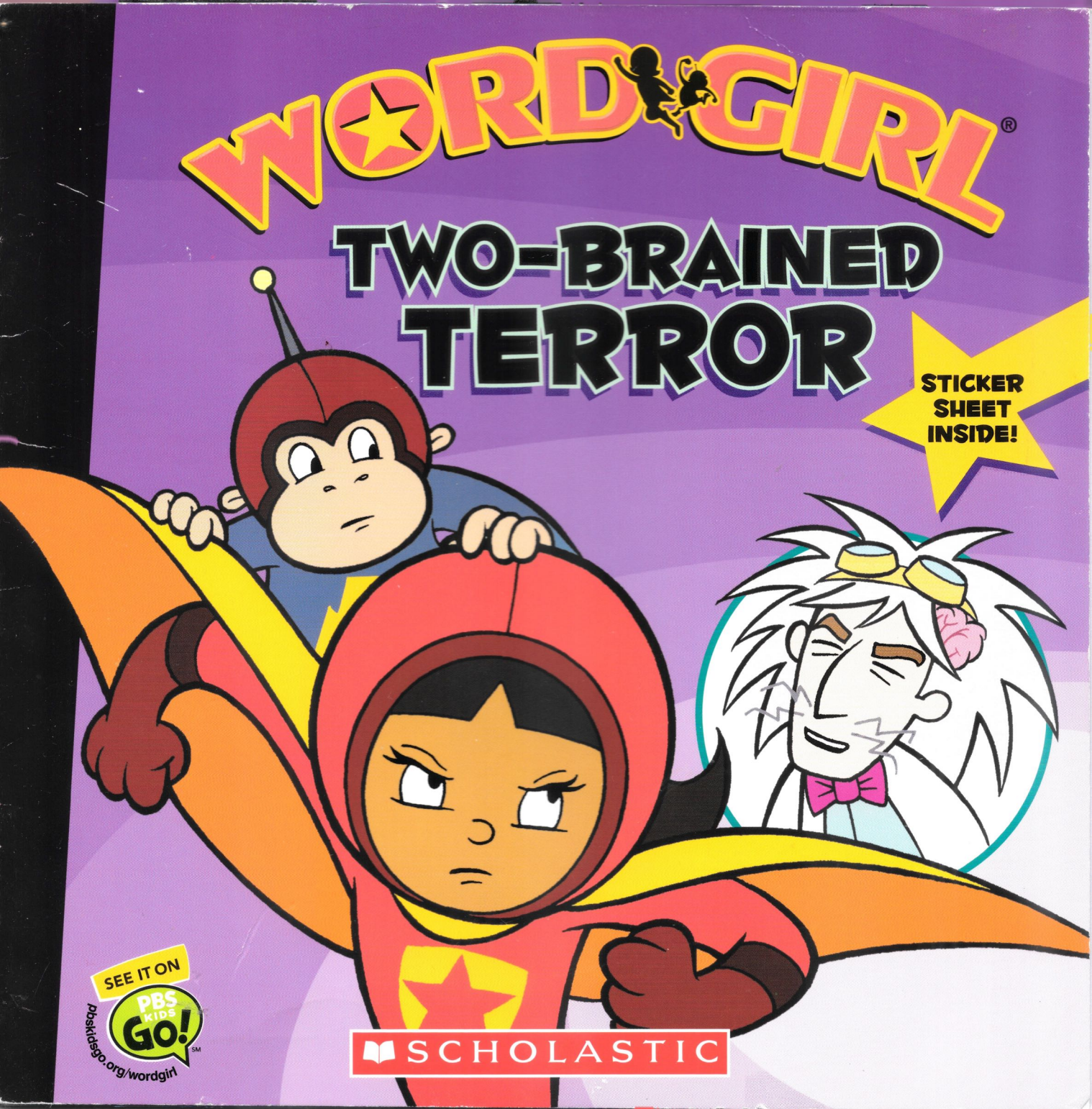

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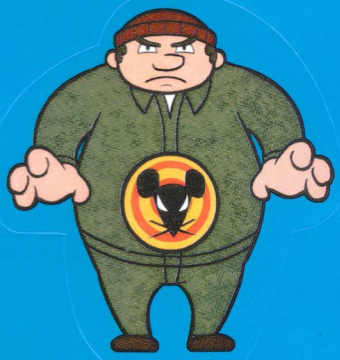

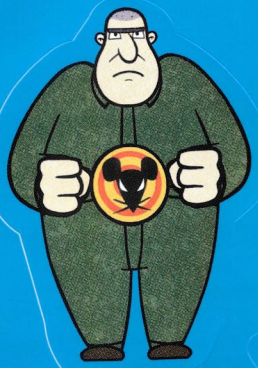

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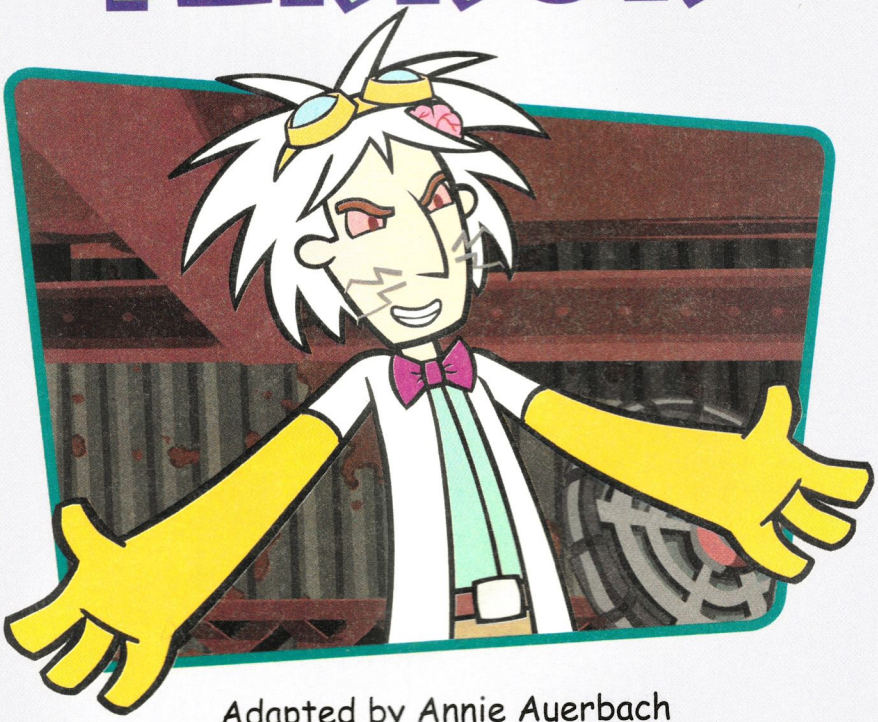

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Hi! I'm WordGirl.

Captain Huggy Face and I are from the planet Lexicon.

We crash-landed on Earth when I was a baby.

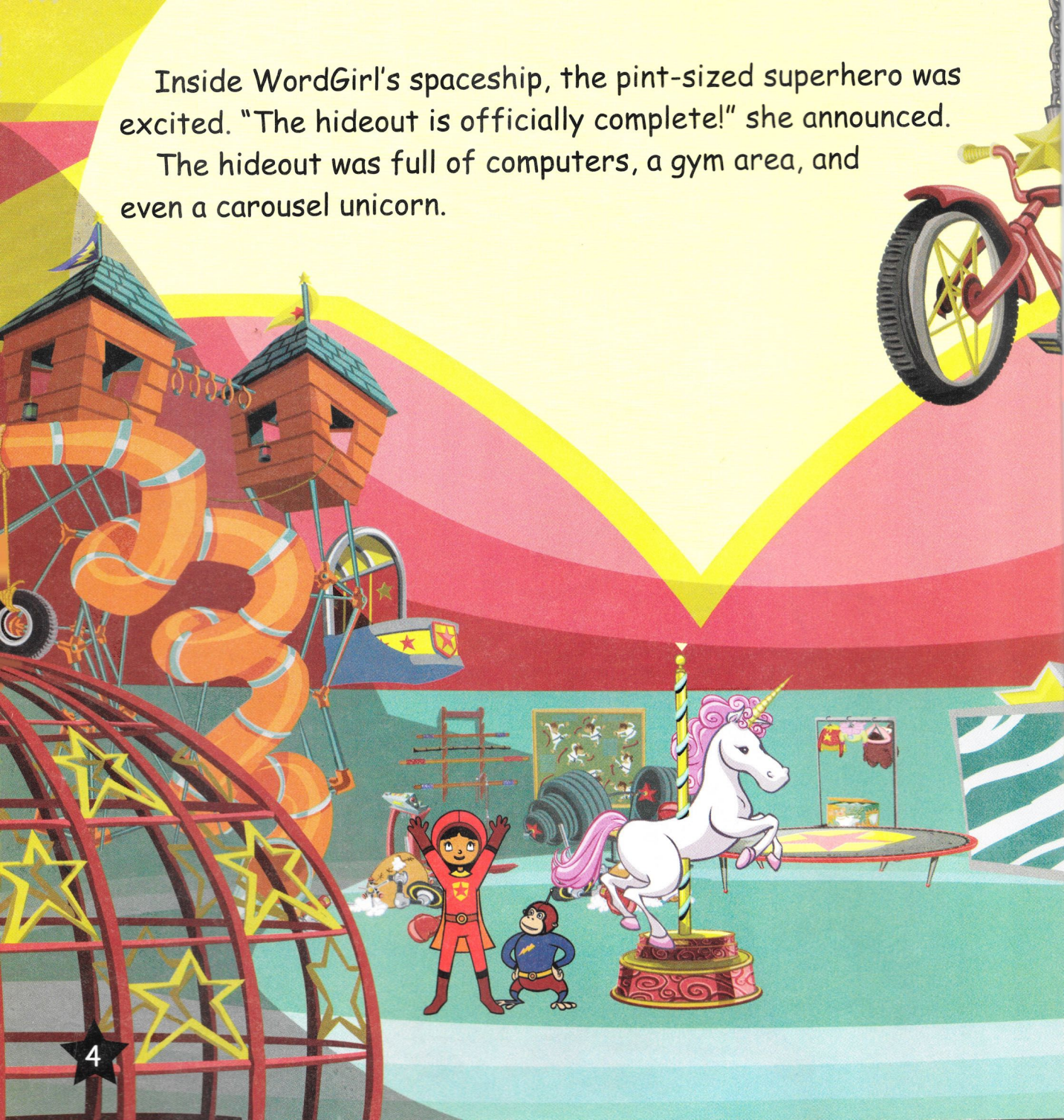
Everyone here knows us as Becky Botsford and Bob.

But secretly, I use my superstrength and word power to fight evil villains.

Worrrd up!

Inside WordGirl's spaceship, the pint-sized superhero was excited. "The hideout is officially complete!" she announced.

The hideout was full of computers, a gym area, and even a carousel unicorn.



Just then, something started beeping. WordGirl and Captain Huggy Face ran over to the official crime detector machine.

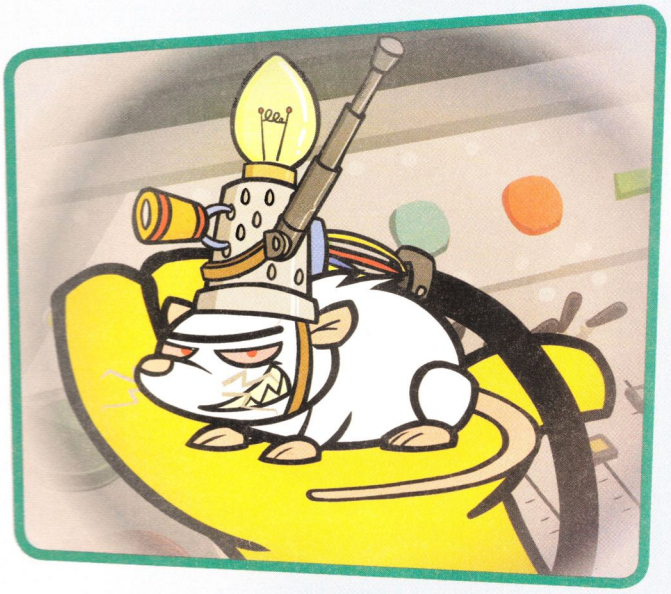
"Looks like a bank robbery is going down on Marshall and Crenshaw," said WordGirl. "Come on, Huggy. Worrrd up!"

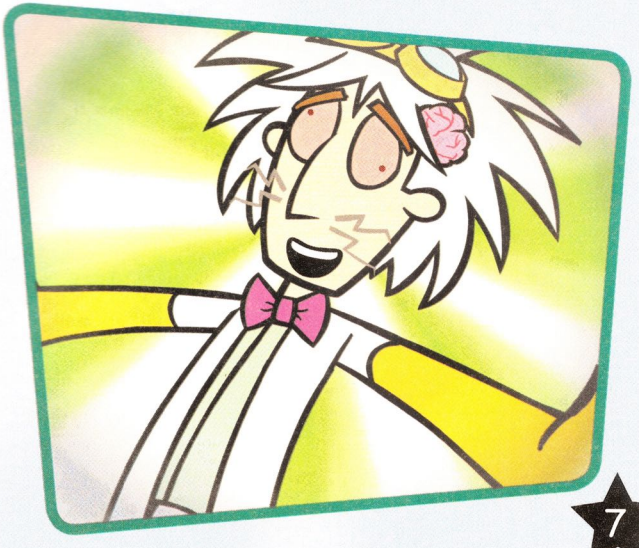
The superheroes arrived at the bank, but it was too late. The robber had escaped with all the gold through a hole in the wall.

WordGirl examined the hole. The edges looked like teeth marks. "Hm . . ." she said, "there's only one criminal I know who can chew through solid steel: Dr. Two-Brains."

Dr. Two-Brains was an evil scientist who had accidentally fused his brain with a mouse's brain.

"But he steals cheese, not gold," WordGirl reminded Huggy. "*And* he's in prison. Must be a new criminal in town. But who?"





Meanwhile, in a darkened warehouse, a shadowy figure placed gold bars in front of a giant ray gun. *Zap!* The gold bars changed into . . . potato salad?

That's right. But that wasn't the plan.

"The transformation is all wrong! I have to try again!" the mystery man said to his henchmen. "Go get me more gold!"

WordGirl had a sneaking suspicion that Dr. Two-Brains was behind the robbery. To make sure the cheese-loving scientist was still in prison, WordGirl and Huggy decided to see for themselves. When they got to his cell, they found a dummy made of soap in his place!

"Dr. Two-Brains is on the loose!" exclaimed WordGirl. "We have to stop him!"

Indeed, Dr. Two-Brains was on the loose—and he was stealing gold bars to turn them into cheese. But his ray gun kept giving him potato salad instead.

So he built a new invention: a Cheese Transformation Ray. This ray gun would transform the potato salad into cheese!

"The transformation is complete!" Dr. Two-Brains exclaimed.

Dr. Two-Brains needed more gold.

"I know just the thing," he said, showing a newspaper to his henchmen. On the front page was a picture of a giant golden mouse. "It's an ancient Egyptian artifact! It's perfect! To the museum, boys!"

In no time, Dr. Two-Brains chewed his way through a museum wall.

"There it is, boys. The Golden Rodent," he said, his mouth watering. "How appropriate that I'm going to transform it into cheese! Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!"

Suddenly, WordGirl appeared. "The only transformation that's going to happen here is you—going from a rat to a jailbird!" she said.

"Nice variation on the whole transformation thing," he said.

"Thanks," said WordGirl, pleased with herself.

"*Transformation*? What's that?" one of Two-Brains' henchmen asked.

"Transformation means to change from one thing to another," explained WordGirl.

"My two ray guns are examples," Dr. Two-Brains explained. "The first one transforms gold into potato salad, and the second one transforms potato salad into cheese!"

"So you're stealing gold, then transforming it into potato salad. Then you're taking that potato salad and transforming it into cheese?"

"Right," said Dr. Two-Brains.

WordGirl could hardly believe her ears! "Doesn't that seem a little unnecessary?" she asked. "I mean, why not steal potato salad instead of gold? Or use the gold to buy the potato salad? Or why not just steal cheese in the first place?"

"Well, it seems so obvious when you say it that way," he said sheepishly. Then without wasting another second, he pulled out a special device and shot a net over WordGirl.

She was trapped!

Dr. Two-Brains grabbed the Golden Rodent, and the henchmen grabbed WordGirl. They ran off to Dr. Two-Brains' secret lair.

WordGirl was tied to a huge exercise wheel, while Huggy crept in and hid inside the Golden Rodent.

"After I transform this Golden Rodent into delicious cheese, we're going to see what effect it has on pesky superheroes!" cackled Dr. Two-Brains.

"You monster!" exclaimed WordGirl.

Dr. Two-Brains zapped the Golden Rodent, which instantly turned into potato salad. As one of the henchmen went to taste it, Captain Huggy Face leaped out from his hiding spot!

"He was hiding *inside* the statue?!" exclaimed Dr. Two-Brains.

"Huggy, get him!" shouted WordGirl.

"Quick! Turn the ray back on! Potato salad him!" Dr. Two-Brains ordered.

But Huggy was too quick for them. He jumped up and redirected the Potato Salad Transformation Ray so it hit the Cheese Transformation Ray instead. It turned into a big, mushy pile of potato salad!

"*Noooooo*!" cried Dr. Two-Brains.

"Great job, Huggy!" said WordGirl as she was freed. "Time to get a little exercise, Doc."

WordGirl threw the exercise wheel at Dr. Two-Brains and his henchmen. They got caught up in the wheel. Dr. Two-Brains started running—and couldn't stop!

And so WordGirl and Captain Huggy Face once again saved the day!

Hello! I'm Beau Handsome and here are today's word puzzles. Ready to play?

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below. Words are from left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally.

h	u	g	g	y	c	o	h	p	g
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b	r	a	i	n	s	c	z	k	o

Words:

hideout
rodent
cheese
museum
soap
gold
huggy
hole
cell
potato
transform
brains

Secrect Code

For this next puzzle, first fill in the boxes below the alphabet with numbers. A = 1, B = 2, and so on. Then write the corresponding letter in the lines below to discover the hidden message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2											

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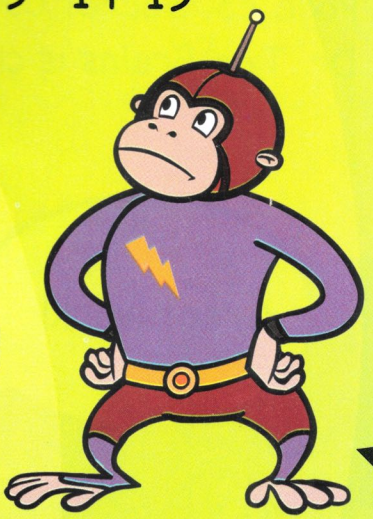

Answer Key

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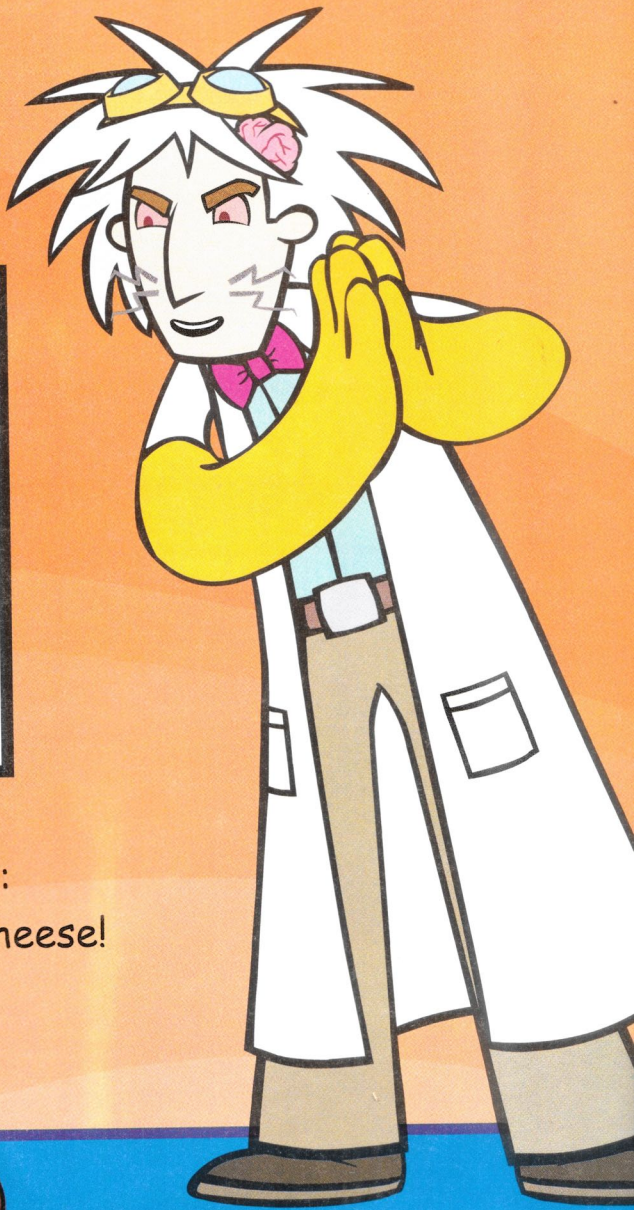
Page 23: Secret Code Answer:
Dr. Two-Brains is crazy for cheese!



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